

Minutes of the Cold Spring Recreation Commission meeting held at the village offices at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30 2014.

Members Attending: Curt Landtroop, Gloria McVey, Jeff Phillips and Bruce Campbell
Members Absent: Matt Beachak and Mike Chefalo

First order of business, was a presentation from two members of the Haldane school, (main spokesperson being Simon Dudar), concerning a proposed 5K race that would be run by Haldane third grade students to raise money for charity. This is currently in the planning stages and the presenters are seeking input from this commission. It is planned that the race would be an annual event and sponsored by this particular class although it is intended that the race would be opened up to more participants, including those from outside of the community. More discussion followed and it was decided to plan this event for the autumn; and that an application should be completed and reviewed by the Rec Commission beforehand before seeking final approval from the Village Board.

Next, Michael Lyons Jr. presented on behalf of North Highlands Firehouse, requesting the use of Mayor's Park ballfield on Friday nights, beginning at 6 p.m. and starting on May 16th. Cold Spring has used this field in the past but will not field a ball team this year; hence, it is expected to be available.

There would be 12 games of which 6 will be at home, at Mayor's Park, and the season would last into September or early October. The schedule has not been completed by the league yet and Mr. Lyons was advised to check when Haldane would be playing in May or June for planning purposes. Mr. Lyons was advised that the schedule must be submitted to the commission as well as an insurance certificate from the firehouse; but, the commission gave its tentative approval.

Next, Bruce brought up the Redrum motorcycle event that was already tentatively approved. The village has received input from officer Kane that there would be a need for 10 police officers at a cost of \$2 thousand. There was a counterproposal for 4 officers which would materially reduce the costs of the event. Bruce indicated that there will be more discussion with representatives of the village board and Mr. Halpin, the organizer of the event.

At this point, Bruce introduced a document which was a conceptual plan on how the various ballfields could be utilized. Jeff's reaction was that we needed more of a plan and needed to work more closely with Haldane on the maintenance and planning for these assets. His concern is that the fields are being used for all sports which makes it much harder to maintain an acceptable playing surface.

Next discussion of the rec budget took place, noting that lawn care was budgeted at \$1,480. This is available funds that we can spend but it has dropped from almost \$5 thousand in the past budget. We got a quote from True Green for the lawn care of McConville Park, Tot's Park, the lawn near the bandstand and the ballfield. The cost would be a little over \$1,500. We still have the money to spend but must do so by the end

of May for this year's budget. The budget for next year has been approved but there is still money in some of our line items this year to spend based on what is necessary.

Next was some discussion of the plans for Fjord Trail. Bruce explained that Coordination with the village will be required this summer to move sidewalks and fences although there will be no direct charges assessed to the village.

Jeff responded by making several comments about these plans and about the role of this commission: He expressed his dissatisfaction of the amount of property being taken and the way the engineering has been explained. With no engineered drawing I/we cannot compare it to what the mayor and I spoke of at the site. Also, with what has been explained by Bruce, I feel is unacceptable in that the net result is a lose of the current field, Making us move and build new as opposed to restoring what we have. Restoring is far less expensive than totally rebuilding. Jeff went on to observe that when thinking of the taxpayer, local community and our school district also, this small project seems too expensive for our future. If we were included from the beginning, my feeling is that we would be farther ahead. We never needed high cost engineering in our village in the past, so why do we need it now for a simple sidewalk? We are told it is all free but, our village crew has already been promised to do prep work. ie removal of fence, parking blocks etc.

Requests of the Rec Commission

The following requests were considered:

Mike Lyons Jr. requesting use of Mayor's Park ballfield on Fridays (already noted in minutes) ---approved pending insurance and scheduling

Gloria McVey requesting use of Mayor's Park ballfield and the pavillion for 35 people on Saturday, June 14th ---approved

Cold Spring Fire Company clam bake for 75 people or more; from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight at Mayor's Park requested for Saturday, August 9th ---approved pending insurance

Saturday, August 16th, for a party requested by Caroll Powell from 4 to 10 p.m. at Mayor's Park estimated for 100 people. ---approved pending insurance

request from Matt Beachak for April and May, the use of a batting cage at Mayor's Park - -this had already been approved in the previous meeting

Saturday, Sunday June 7th and 8th; 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; get your guts in gear charity biking event; 50 to 150 people ---approved

Saturday, May 31st with second choice of May 25th: birthday party for 75 to 100 people requested by Alicia Ferreira from 3 to 5 p.m. ---approved pending scheduling with a village picnic event and insurance

Disbursement of funds to True Green lawn care ---approved

As a final topic, some discussion took place regarding the two recommendations that this commission had made to the village for appointment to the Rec Commission.

There being no more business discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

by Curt Landtroop, Secretary